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Staff employed in the office of the Director of Harijan Welfare.

* 455 *Q.*—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total strength of the staff employed in the office of the Director of Harijan Welfare;

(*b*) the number of them belonging to Scheduled Castes; and

(*c*) the number of Andhras working there?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Sixty-seven including peons and masalchis.

" (*b*) Twenty-two including peons and masalchis.

" (*c*) Six."

Retrenchment in the Electricity department in Vijayavada.

* 457 *Q.*—SRI M. LAKSHMANASWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have retrenched any personnel in the Electricity department in the Andhra Power System, Vijayavada;

(*b*) if so, the reasons for the retrenchment; and

(*c*) the number of workers, the number of clerks and the number of other employees who have been retrenched?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Owing to a cut in the budget grant the provision made for extension schemes for 1952–53 was exhausted. Consequently, construction work on extension schemes had to be stopped and the employees retrenched.

(c) Number of workers.	**1,532, including 36 work-charged men who have been absorbed in operation and maintenance posts). 78 of these workers have since been taken back in connection with the execution of some Community Project, etc., works.**
Number of clerks.	**3 (one upper division clerk and two lower division clerks).**
Number of other employees.	**4 [three junior Engineers and one Supervisor (Civil)]."**

Leave facilities to village servants.

* 458 *Q.*—SRI M. MARIMUTHU : " Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the vettis and talayaris working under the karnams and village headmen enjoy holiday and leave facilities; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof? "